

PUBLISHED DAILY AND TRI-WEEKLY BY EDGAR SNOWDEN. ALEXANDRIA:

This Day being kept as the CHRIST-MAS HOLIDAY, (according to ancient and approved custom upon such occasions,) this office will be closed to-day, and no paper

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issued therefrom to-morrow. lectures in New York, last week. In it, he a hearing. For some minutes the tumult professed great indignation because Northern abolitionists were not allowed "free speech" at the South. What would the Mr. Lenox's substitute or the original reso-New York police do, if men were to go to New York, and openly preach and lexture in Mr. Carrington's address, added to the confavor of burning Beecher's house down, and fusion, and in that state the meeting adjournmurdering him and his family? Would ed. There was considerable excitement at there not be "arrests" for disturbing the times but no violence. The police were prepeace, and for "sedition ?" But we observe, that in this lecture even Beecker declared-

what faith is to be put in his declaration we leave it for others to say -that he "dis- land, by two independent observers, develapproved of the late attempt made to invade ope the coincidence of certain phenomena a sovereign State, by John Brown and his then observed, with the time of the grand confederates." He went in, however, for auroral displays of September 1st and 2nd, continued "opposition to slavery," to use his which were witnessed not only in this counown language, by all constitutional and try and Europe, but also in Australia, South moral means." This means that he wishes America, and probably throughout the cir-

Mason, Wm. T. Smith, and Mark Arnold, a committee appointed by a meeting of the citizens of King George County, Va., have pected, if not actually established as a scienprepared a very excellent petition to the tific fact. The present exhibition may be Legislature, recommending a complete and efficient re-organization of the militia system, proposing changes in the present plan, favoring the appointment of commissioned officers by the Executive instead of by election, and asking that laws may be passed encouraging home industry, and for the speedy arrest, trial, and panishment of persons found tumpering with slaves. The suggestions they make are set forth temperately for any but a Union man. but earnestly; and enforced with strong arguments in their favor. Their propositions will, doubtless, receive the most respectful consideration of the Legislature.

We learn from the Fredericksburg Herald that the Rappahannock Water Power, at Fredericksburg, is soon to be applied largely to manufacturing purposes. A woolen \$57,000, due on the 1st January, 1859, was mill for the manufacture of Virginia Cloth, paid on the 2d of December, 1858. The Kerseys, &c., will commence in the spring, and enterprises are spoken of for a shoe factory, an axe factory, a paper factory, and a shop for the bending of timber. Success to anticipated on the 23d of March, 1859, leavthese and all such undertakings. Let them not end in being merely "spoken of." And may Alexandria go and do likewise. There is no such opening for manufacturing estab-· lishments, in the State, as there is here.

The Baltimore American thinks that neither the extremes of Democracy or Republicanism, can prevail in this country, that these parties must go down like others which have preceded them, and that Henry Clay was right, when with prophetic foresight he predicted the formation of a Union party. and an Anti-Union party. The watchword of the Union party, in that event, would be, "the Union under the Constitution and according to the Constitution, interpreted in the spirit of fraternity and civic duty."

Gov. Wise has acted very generously to policemen Morris and Kelly, after signing amount of \$8,947 78, besides some \$4,000 the warrant for the legal pay and allowance of those officers, who, it will be remembered, brought Cook and Hazlett from Pennsylvania to Charlestown, the Governor added in the management of so vast an enterprise, \$100 to each, as a gift, for the prompt, faithful and fearless manner in which they discharged their duty.

Ten schooners, mostly from Philadelphia, have been captured by the Maryland authorities, below Annapolis, charged with violating the law against the use of dredges.-Some persons from Baltimore, part of the posse for the capture, had a row with the captains of the schooners, in which shots were fired.

The Baltimore Exchange says :- "We regret to announce the death, after a few hours' | and grounds in security, enforce order &c. illness, of Lieut. Julian May, of the United States Army. This sad event occurred in New Mexico, where Lieut. May was stationed, and the intelligence will be received with sorrow by a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances, in this city and elsewhere. Lieut. May was a gallant officer, and as a man, beloved by all who knew him."

Says ex-Senator Jerry Clemens, "I am the more impressed with the conviction, that common sense is the most uncommon of all intellectual commodities. The man who imagines that bluster, denunciation, and abuse can effect any good end in a crisis like this, ought not to be trusted in the halls of National legislation."

The Postmaster General says that the delay in the organization of the House of Representatives, caused by the Administration members, will cost the government a million of dollars in the biddings upon the mail con-

As the Southern Medical Students from Philadelphia, passed through Fredericksburg, they were met and cheered by the citizens, and addressed by S. G. Daniel, esq., on their behalf.

Thomas De Quincey, an author of wide celebrity, and principally distinguished for his "Confessions of an English Opium-eater," died on the 8th of this month, at Edinburg. in Scotland.

Several communications, including poetical articles, are on file for insertion, and will be published in a day or two.

At least one thousand citizens convened on Friday evening, at the Assembly Rooms, "To show the very age and body of the TIMES." on Louisiana avenue, in Washington, in consequence of a call "to the people of the city and county of Washington? by "many citizens" to come forward at this time of apprehended danger to the country and "avow their unflinching attachment to and confidence in the Union." Richard S. Coxe, esq., was called to the chair. Mr. E. C. Carrington announced, that having been selected to A preamble and resolutions were then read. Mr. Carrington then addressed the meeting with earnestness, and deeply excited feeling, which appeared to gratify one portion, whilst the other portion of the assemblage deemed his remarks exceptionable. Great confusion prevailed, when Walter Lenox was loudly called for, and soon appeared on the plat-form. He deprecated the call for the meeting as being uncalled for and unnecessary, in every respect, and offered a substitute to that effect. Baltimore nor any other Southern city deemed it necessary to declare their attachment to the Union. Why should the people of Washington? He was listened to with great attention. On resuming his seat, Robert S. Latham, late banker, attempted Beecher delivered another of his abolition to address the meeting, but could not obtain was so great that it was impossible to hear a word from the Chairman, who attempted in vain to put the question of adopting either

Recent observations on the sun, in Engto do indirectly what he is afraid to do cumpolar regions of both hemispheres .--These were accompanied, as usual, by a Messrs. Edward T. Tayloe, Wiley Roy Bond, of Cambridge) between the perturbations of the magnetic elements and the condition of the sun's illuminating surface, has been, for several years past, strongly susregarded as pointing to the same conclusion."

sent in strong numbers, and quietly took out

Mr. Nelson, of Tennessee, declared in the House of Representatives, last Friday, that he had been in favor of uniting upon a Democrat for Speaker, and would still be ready to do so when he should see a disposition to treat his party fairly. He believed that the election of a Southern man would do more than any thing else to quiet the apprehen-

The Mount Vernon Fund.

Miss Cunningham, the Regent of the Mount Vernon Association, makes the fol-

lowing statement : You are already aware that \$18,000 was paid on the 6th of April, 1858, when the contract for Mount Vernon was signed by the contracting parties. The first bond of ing to be cancelled only the fourth bond of \$41,666.66, due 22d February, 1862. On this \$35,000 has been already advanced, leaving a balance of indebtedness of \$6,666. 66, with interest on the bond from 6th April, 1858. Thus \$193,333.33 has been paid towards the liquidation of the debt of \$200,-000, assumed by the Association. The interest on the three bonds, amounting to \$6.601.19 making the whole amount paid over to Mr. Washington, including principal

and interest \$199,924.51. Mr. Geo. W. Riggs, our Trensurer, to whom the Association is deeply indebted for the zeal and devotion with which he has rendered his voluntary services, reports investments of \$5,000 in United States Treasury notes; \$10,000 in State of Virginia bonds; 13 shares of stock of C. R. R. and Banking Company of Georgia: four shares of stock of Farmers' Bank of Virginia, and cash in hand, \$2,623 79; amounting to \$19,223 79, to which must be added sums on deposit, yielding interest, in various States, to the reported as collected but not paid in .-Thus the whole amount collected over and dangerously poisoned, a few days since, by above expenditures, necessarily incurred for repairs now going on at Mount Vernon, and is \$23,206 08. The association is indebted to the untiring exertions of the noble Everett for more than one-fourth (\$69,064.77) of

this large sum, as follows: Amount received from Oration .. From New York Ledger and connection Donations..... Increase of Interest

The Regent further states that it is no-

cessary yet to raise the sum of \$120,000 in order to provide a permanent fund, the interest of which will be expended in keeping the estate in repair, and in providing a force sufficient to protect and preserve the house

Grand Lodge of Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia, spent a harmonious and an interesting session at Richmond from Monday until Wednesday night of last

Before adjourning, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. W. John Robin McDaniel, of Lynchburg, Grand Master.

R. W. Lewis B. Williams, of Orange Court House, Depaty Grand Master.

R. W. W. H. Harman of Staunton, Grand Senior Warden. R. W. L. C. P. Cowper, of Norfolk, Grand

Junior Warden. R W. Thomas U. Dudley, of Richmond, Grand Treasurer. R. W. John Dove, of Richmond, Grand

Secretary. R. W. Wm. B. Isancs, of Richmond, Deputy Grand Secretary. R. W. E. H. Lane, of Louisa Court-House,

R. W. Wm. Terry, of Wytheville, Grand Junior Descon. R. W. Geo. W. Dame, of Danville, Grand Chaplain. John Lester, of Richmond, Grand Pursuivant. E. Semon, of Richmond, Grand Steward. R. D. Sanaxay, of Richmond,

Grand Senior Deacon.

A SHORT MESSAGE.-A few days since a resolution passed the Missouri Senate call- steer that are destined to make larger cattle ing upon the Governor for information or evidence upon which he issued certain took the first premium at the last Ohio State bonds to the Cairo and Fulton railroad .-The Governor, in answer, sent the Senate the following message: JEFFERSON City, Dec. 17, 1859.

News of the Day

The anniversary of the landing of the Pilfifty-fourth anniversary of the New England Society, were celebrated in New York at the Astor House. During the progress of din- the military to-day, that I mean to stand by making a dinner speech: ner, many of the speeches breathed forth the strongest Union sentiments. Senator Doolittle thought the great question was, what to do with the free negroes. Dr. Bellows denounced the late Union meetings as hypoprepare resolutions, he would read them. critical, and James T. Brady said he should esteem it an honor to lead a New England regiment, or to perish in its ranks, to put down disunion anywhere.

> The Charleston (S. C.) Courier of Wednesday, announces the arrival there of a large number of slaves, in a steamboat, on a Christmas excursion, en route for Wilmington, N. C. The Courier says: "Many other servants from railroad contracts will accompany them on their annual return for Christmas. It is a stipulation insisted on by many masters in hiring out their servants, that they shall return to spend and enjoy the Christmas holi-

days at home. The stipulation is faithfully

observed." L. B. Wigfall, just elected U. S. Senator from Texas, is said to be a man of considerable ability and a fine orator. After his election he made a very conservative speech. He announced his opposition to the re-opencode for the territories. He would vote mills, and if we can't get that, why, let us against both. He would support James Buchanan's administration as long as Mr. Buchanan stood on the democratic platform.

A large crowd of persons, attended by a Henry Clay, near Lexington, Ky. On the handles, our engines, and even our doctors. hallowed spot a dirge was sung. The ladies [Laughter.] Turn everywhere, and you find and casting them upon the frigid earth formed a carpet upon which the women might

Messrs. Baring and several other of the most prominent bankers in London have made a joint appeal to the British cabinet to recognize the constitutional government of Mexico, and Lord John Russell appointed the 6th of December for an official interview with these gentlemen, and it was believed the British government was favorable to the

On Wednesday evening the Merchants of Baltimore gave a Dinner to Messrs. Robert D. Coleman & Son, the new proprietors of the Eutaw House. It was an imposing affair, just such as old Baltimore hospitality is so

They have a case of scandal over in Hoboken, where the celebrated Rev. Dr. Achili has been held to bail to answer a charge of the door would be open to the bloody hand! adultery, preferred against him by Justus Deliver these sentiments in New York with Smith, proprietor of a water cure establish- a guard of seventy-five policeman. To these the long expected evening arrived; a compament at Bergen Heights.

At a meeting of the senior class of Princeton (N. J.) College, on the 17th inst, Mr. sions of the country, but would never vote Pearce, son of Senator Pearce, of Maryland, was unanimously elected class orator for the class of 1860, to speak when the class leave in May nest.

highly respected citizen of St. Louis, has would invade Canada, even England; for she sure, the post-prandial fright. Under the list, showing that the constant assertion in taken his own life, by cutting his throat and seating himself in such a position as to be run over by a train of cars on the Iron Mountain Hailroad.

nominations:—N. P. Browne, postmaster of fears that Gov. Wise, aided by the Federal script of his speech and laid it under his plate. "I shall certainly break down," he wealth, there was but one vestige of the past The President has appointed Hon. James

J. Roosvelt to the district attorneyship of New York, vacant by the death of Mr. Theodore Sedgewick. The appointment was confirmed, by a unanimous vote in the Sen-Two Northern schoolmasters, private tu-

tors in the families of Messrs. Shaw and Bradley, of Williamsburg, S. C., have been notified to close their schools on the 15th inst., to which their employers consented. The Dean of the medical faculty of the

the number of students who have recently left that institution, as far as is known, does not exceed eighteen. How is this? Mrs. Ellen Key Blunt, daughter of the author of the "Star Spangled Banner," and

poetical readings in Boston and New York, with brilliant success. Ex-Alderman Muchmore and family, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in all seven persons, were

drinking water conveyed to the house through leaden water pipes. A. C. Marshall, for many years commander of one of the old black ball line of the lion myself, and wake up the patriots of the Liverpool packets, died on Wednesday .--

Hon. A. G. Hammond, a prominent lawyer of Brooklyn, died also on Wednesday. Hon. Judge Mason, of lowa, late Commis-

sioner of Patents, has become connected with the New York Scientific American. The horse John Brown rode at the battle

of Ossawatomie, was lately sold in the streets of St. Joseph, Mo., at auction.

mules in Rio de Janeiro.

Victor Hugo publishes a long rigmarole in the London Times of the 10th inst., on the John Brown affair.

Virginia News.

Rev. Thomas H. Pritchard who has supplied the pulpit of the Fredericksburg Baptiet Church during the agency of Dr. Wm. F. Broaddus for Greenville Seminary, has accepted a call to the pastoral care of Franklin square Baptist church Baltimore.

Capt. John Seib of Fredericksburg, condied suddenly in Washington city on Thursday last. He left Fredericksburg some ten days since in good health.

On two nights the countersign was Bunker Hill and Princeton, when the Virginia military were at Charlestown.

HEAVIEST BULLOCKS IN ORIO SOLE .-Three of the best and heaviest cattle ever raised in the State of Ohio, were sold last week to Henry Bryant, of Ross county, and are now on their way to New York, for Christmas beef. Henry Hirk's steer weighed 3,600 pounds, and sold for \$275; Thomas Kirk's steer sold for the same, and weighed 2,989 pounds; Morgan Hays's steer sold for the same price, and weighed 2,988 pounds! Beat this who can! We can inform the people that these are not all the large cattle we have. Tom and Henry Kirk have each a than the ones sold. Morgan Hays' steer Fair .- Ezchange Paper.

ADIES BUGLE Hair Netts, a further supply just received and for sale at greatly reduced prices; also, a few more of those celebrated Because I have the right a d power to do Champion Skeleton Skirts, at R. M. STEWART. | dec 16 | C. C. BERRY'S. | dec 24

Gov. Wise and the Medical Students.

We have already announced the recention of the seceding medical students in Richmond, torical Society, to notice the death of Washthe chief feature of which was a speech grim Fathers upon Plymouth Rock, and the from Gov. Wise. We extract from a report in the Richmond Dispatch, some of the chief points of the Governor's speech:-

> my State, by my neighbors, by my individual rights of property and person; above all or three little incidents, that may serve not only of the most able, but of the most by my moral rights of honor, and last, but not to illustrate some of the aspects of his charrenumerative books published in the United least, by my political rights, the highest of acter. The time when I saw the most of which is the Constitution and the Union.— Mr. Irving was in the winter of 1842, du-[Applause.] I say, if the Black Republi- ring the visit of Charles Dickens to New cans, Abolitionists, frantics, fools-worse York. I had known this already distinguishthan fools—if the wicked in the masses, or ed writer in Boston and Cambridge, and high places wish to take the Union, I will while passing some weeks with my dear and fight first. [Applause.] They shall dissolve lamented friend, Albert Sumner, I renewed Rives, of Virginia. Neither in England it, not I. Before we shall be driven from my acquaintance with Mr. Dickens, often nor in France from a number of volumes on beneath the flag that flies over that Capitol, meeting him in the brilliant literary society which floated over the war of the Revolution, the Mexican war, and which shall float over every war to come, if I have to fight it, they Irving, Davis, and others scarcely less atshall be driven from the country. You can tractive by their genius, wit and social grapreserve it. Jackson said what I now repeat: ces, constituted a circle scarcely to be sur-'It shall be preserved." How? You have passed anywhere in the world. I passed done right, perhaps, my friends, in return- much of the time with Mr. Irving and Mr. blood and her intelligence to the country, ness the cordial intercourse of the young and she now calls back her own; and now man, in the flush and glory of his youththat her own have come back, let me tell you ful genius, and his elder compeer, then how it may be preserved. Let us employ in the assurred possession of immortal our own teachers, [applause,] especially that renown. Dickens said, in his frank, hearthey may teach our own doctrines. Let us dress in the wool raised on our own

go back to our old accustomed corn bread. Loud applause.] Tarleton found out of made, and you can teach any foes of what lantic. Great and varied as was the genius A large crowd of persons, attended by a your skins are manufactured. At the North of Mr. Irving, there was one thing he concert troupe, recently visited the grave of they have made our clothes pins, our broom shrunk with a comial terror from attempt. "In works of I -doctors, broom handles and all. | Laugh-000, and hard-handed men at that. Well, so it may be, but if we have not the population corn fields-the workshops of the heavens. If we had men of old who fought our battles, we have men now, and if we had had men of ple, we have them now, and we have, too, the hearts of the people to speak to. [Cheers.] That bad man, Wendell Philips, and that

worse than Philips, that Senator from Massachusetts. (Wilson;) say that our slaves are their way to Canada; and that if the slave, with his hands dripping with blood, was to knock at their door, on his way to freedom, and such as those who protect and encourage when-if we are not allowed to pursue our for hanging him. He thinks he is safe in not strike at Massachusetts and the North-I should have ordered it to the banks of Newfoundland, with the order that if a British packet, with that negro on board, attempted to take it, by the eternal gods, and I would have instructed them not to hang him till I had seen him, and seen him well hung, and if England had asked my excellent friend great laughter Mr. Buchanan, for reparation, I would have told him to do as he said University of Pennsylvania, announces that he would at Harper's Ferry.

There is in the Libary at that Capitol, a copy of the London Punch, in which is represented a black eagle and a white eaglethe former representing the Blave States in existence; and, if so, I wish it might be pubcombat; beneath them is a lion with a deer sister to the late Philip Barton Key, is giving in his clutches, who has turned from his prey to look up at the birds of the the air. Beneath this significant picture is the single word, "Watch." It is a most significant photograph to the eyes of the American people; for they have forgotten that while they are fighting, the Brittish lion is watching .-But I am watching the white eagle and the of the Dickens dinner, and declined .black, and they shall not fight; but if they do, I will fight upon the back of the British ry of Thomas Moore is the record of his North; and I call on you, Mr. Buchanan, to the final success of his endeavers to persay to Eng'and that Canada shall not be a refuge for the fugitive slaves of the South .-They talk of an "irrepressible conflict"-let it be irrepressible.

to see what States warred upon us by their statutes. I would stand an armed man, and, A man named Farmington, said to be a say—repeal it, repeal it, repeal it, and after nephew of Barey, is successfully taming wild I had said that three times I would only add with matter, should find such difficulty in placing my finger upon those laws, I would three words: "At your peril." [Here a bringing it out, I found that Lockhart had voice in the crowd said something-which also declined attending the dinner, under the reporter could not hear -about Governor a similar apprehension, and only consented Wise's action if he were in the White House.

My friends, all I've got to say in reply to that is, just try me if you want to know .-One thing I know, that I would not let Virginia Governor rattle his regiments under its very windows, without putting my head out and saying, "my brother, what is the matter?" The Governor then alluded to the early expiration of his term of his office, and said that, notwithstanding the political difference existing between himself and his opponents then, that in the present crisis they nected with the U. S. Coast Survey service, all stood as one circle-one solid mass of brothers. Now all were united-Whigs and Democrats, Know Nothings and Know everythings-all on the right and on the left were ready to give the hand of fellowship. He had tried to demonstrate that he was a Virginian, and had used his power without fear or favor, but not, he trusted, without af-

I hope, by God's blessing, every man of you may be made a blessing to cure disease students of the Medical College of Virginia. in peace, or to apply list in war. I hope the God who protected Washington, will preserve as in peace, if not-if war comes-he will preserve our part of the country fresh and green. Let every man prepare, not only men. with the musket, for the crisis, but also prepare his soul to meet its demand."

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Washington and Alexandria 2d day of January next, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Office of the Contpany, So. 4, South Wharves, JAMES S. ROGERS, Treasurer

BUNCH RAISINS in whole, half, and quarter boxes. Seedless Beideling B boxes, Seedless Raisins, Currants, Citron, Preserved Ginger, Prunes, Cranberries, Paper Shell and Soft Shell Almonds, Pure Sweet Cider, received and for sale by

Irving's Dread of Dinner Speech-Making.

At the meeting of the Massachusetts Ilis ington Irving, Professor Felton, of Harvard College, delivered an eloquent and genial share of interesting and important books obituary address, in which we find the fol- than the North. We know that this may "I say to you now in civil life, as I said to lowing reminiscence of Irving's aversion to

Virginia has contributed her Dickens; and it was delightful to witty manner, that from his childhood he had known the works of Irving; and that being of the slave trade, and against a slave pastures. Let us eat the flour from our own fore he thought of coming to this country, he had received a letter from him, expressing the delight he felt in reading the story of Little Nell, and from that day they had ing, and that was a dinner speech.

A great dinner, however, was to be given of the troupe at first stood in the snow, but the result of their manufacturing. I do not to Mr. Dickens in New York, as one had althe Kentucky gentlemen doffed their coats, advise you to break them, because you have ready been given in Boston; and it was evipaid for them, but hereafter do without them | dent to all that no man but Washington Irving could be thought of to preside. With all tion of slavery. Dr. Fuller's sphere of ter. | Make them yourselves. They boast his dread of making a speech, he was obliged fulness has been greatly enlarged by his rethat they have 18,000,000 of men to 8,000,- to obey the universal call and to accept the moval to Baltimore, and these sermons are painful pre-eminence. I saw him daily dur- the fruits of his labors there. Prof. Hoge, ing the interval of preparation, either at now of this city, but formerly of Richmond, of the pent-up workshops, we have the men the lodgings of Dickens, or at dinner or has furnished Blind Bartimeus; the Chriswho have been reared in the pure air of the evening parties. I hope I showed no want of tian Paradoxes,' is by Dr. Crawford, of Mersympathy with his forebodings, but I could cer University, Georgia; 'Moral Science,' by not help being amused with the tragic-comical distress which the thought of that approach-versity: Pictures from an Ancient Artist,' old who could speak to the hearts of the peo- ing dinner caused him. His pleasant humor by Prof. H. H. Tucker, of Georgia, and mingled with the realdread, and played with the whimsical horrors of his own position with an irresistible drollery.

Whenever it was alluded to, his invariable

answer was, "I shall certainly break down!" -uttered in a half melancholy tone, the luright to cut their masters' throats, and make dierous effect of which it is impossible to describe. He was haunted, as if by a nightto that of Mr. Pickwick, who was so alarmny of the most eminent persons, from all the them, I would say that the time has come, professions and every walk of life, were asfull at home. For one, I am not content self. The directal compulsions of life have Virginia and Kentucky.

"All our leading publishers have a goodly Dr. Chas. Merry, an excellent dentist, and that war should be confined to the South. I since helped me to overcome, in some meaparty as far as Chambersburg, has issued the honor to be placed next but one to of reading for the North. The Senate has confirmed the following and fled to England. He complains that he his conversation. He had brought the manu. apprehension. He began in his pleasant "there, I told you I should break down, and I've done it.' There certainly never was made a shorter

was a more successful one. The manuscript seemed to be a dozen or twenty pages; but the printed speech was not as many lines .suppose that manuscript may be still in lished. Mr. Irving often spoke with a goodhumored envy of the felicity with which Dickens always acquited himself on such oc- Here was devised the famous casions. In the following spring, Irving went to England, and being in London in May, he was of course invited to the annual dinner of the Literary Fund Sciety; but he was followed by the menory One of the most amusing pages in the daiconversation with Irving on the subject, and suade him to go. "That Dickens dinner," says Moore, "which he always pronounced with strong emphasis, hammering away all the time with his right arm, more suo-that Dickens dinner still haunted his imagination, I would arm the people of this State, and | and I almost gave up all hope of persuading I would apply to the other Commonwealths him." But he succeeded. He closes his record with the philosophical reflection that "it is very odd, that while some of the shallowest fellows go on so glib and ready with on condition his health should not be given."

The Medical Students.

At a meeting of the medical students, held in Richmond, Dec. 23d, the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously

1. Resolved. That we have not words to ex oreas our emotions when we remember the glor us reception given us by the city of Richmond in which the Governor of Virginia and the Legilature participated, and which, more than all else, was crowned with the pleasant and approving smiles of the ladies of Virginia.

2. That we heartily thank the noble band of

opened their hearts to us, welcomed us with thoughtful attentions, and entertained us with a grand and joyous feast.

That we determine to unite ourselves with our Richmond brethren as one man, from this time to the plose of the accaion, and intend to show the world that we are proud to be called

4. That we owe a debt of gratitude to the Faculty of the Modical College of Virginia, for their our soil - Virginia Index. prompt and cordial reception in receiving our aplication in the spirit of true Virginians, and we will unanimously determine to stand by them like

5. That the liberality and hospitality of all the citizens of Richmond is so far beyond our highest expectation that it is impossible to express our gratitude in proper and becoming language. 6. That we tender our cordial thanks to the citizens of all the Southern cities through which we have passed on our route to Richmond,

7. That we unanimously appeal to every Southern Medical Student in Philadelphia and New York, to come to us at once, and support us in this glorious rally in defence of our rights. Come to us, brethren - ome here, and let us stand as a consolidated phalanx, shoulder to shoulder, and GARRET HULST. | CLOAKS - Elegant Cloaks, just opened at

ASHBY & WOOD'S.

Southern Literature. The New York Journal of Commerce

That our literature is not sectional, and the South has actually furnished a larger seem strange to the croakers who are ever harping upon the literary barrenness of the "Allow me, Mr. President, to recall two South, but it is nevertheless true that some States have been and are by Southern authors. During the past year there has been no biography on either side of the water which surpasses in ability, dignity, and in classic style, the interesting Life and Times of James Madison,' by Hon. Wm. C. field sports in Europe, India and Africa,

"In the domain of fiction we are informed that of 'Grace Trueman, or Love and Principle,' written by Mrs. Ford, of Kentucky, more than 60,000 copies have been sold in a few months; and that the 'Hidden Path' and 'Moss Side,' by Marion Harland, of Richmond, Va., have had an aggregate sale of 75,000 copies; 'Beulah,' by Augusta J. Evans, of Mobile, has passed through fifteen editions in three months, and the demand is by no means exhausted. 'Mustang Grey,' written by the Hon. Jere Clemens, of Alabama, has also had an immense sale. Then there is that veteran in the literary world, Wm. Gilmore Simms, who has not only written some of our most popular what material Washington's buskins were shaken hands autographically across the At- works of fiction, but has lately enriched his native State with his valuable History of

"In works of Theology, Intellectual Philosophy, &c., &c., the South is not behind. Dr. Fuller's 'Sermons' are the characteristic and eloquent Christian productions of the former paster of Beaufort, South Carolina, who discussed with Dr. Wayland the quesversity; Pictures from an Ancient Artist,' many kindred volumes.

"In books for children, the 'Oakland Stories,' by Geo. B. Taylor, of Richmond, Va., is not only having a most extensive sale in the Southern and Middle States, but from the extreme North, the orders show what is the appreciation of the book there. We were indeed struck with the criticism of the most mare, and I could only compare his dismay widely circulated Boston paper, which, though devoted to Republicanism, had the ed at the prospect of leading about that frankness to assert that the 'Oakland Stories' "that dreadful horse" all day. At length were far superior to a similar series of a popular Northern writer. "We might multiply examples, but we will

professions and every walk of life, were assembled, and Mr. Irving took the chair. I York publishers, we find that within a few way in peace-I am ready to assume the pa- had gladly accepted an invitation, making months they have issued, the one, fifteen difnoply of war. I am not speaking against it, however, a condition that I should not be ferent publications, and the other seventeen. the whole North. There are patriots there be called upon to speak—a thing I then all written by Southern authors, represent-who will help us to give them their hands dreaded quite as much as Mr. Irving him-ing Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina,

should no longer be permitted to shelter the circumstances-an invited guest, with no im- certain quarters that the South has no litercut-throats who invade us. Fred Douglas, the negro who came down with John Brown's with interest the imposing scene. I had South actually furnishes a large proportion

The Old Land Marks -The Old Raleigh.

Buffalo; Mr. Vattier, postmaster at my hemp should never be manufactured into repeated over again. At last the which could dispute with the old Raleigh nati, and Mr. Bishop, the commissioner of bagging for him, it should be made into rope moment arrived. Mr. Irving rose, and was Tavern in Williamsburg, for the palm of par received with deafeaing and long continued historic interest. That was the ruin of the England. It it were in my power I would applause, which by no means lessened his Church at Jamestown. Their claims did not clash, however. They were, each, represenern States, but I would leap to a war with voice, got through two or three sentences tatives of a great epoch, and a magnificent England. It can be brought on. If I had a pretty easily; but in the next, hesitated, and epic. The Jamestown ruin was and is the low black rakish steamer in Hampton Roads. after one or two attempts, gave it up with a memorial of Smith, and Pocahontas, and the graceful allusion to the tournament, and the old glorious days or the first settlement, when troops of knights all armed and eager for the a band of Englishmen, our fathers, came to fray, ended with the toast, "Charles Dickens | root themselves, in spite of danger, famine, the guest of the nation " "There," said he, and every obstacle, in the soil of the Westas he resumed his seat under a repetition of era world. The overthrown stones are the the applanse which had saluted his rising, living monuments of a grand period and an heroic race:-all honor to them. But the Raleigh was equally the majestic memorial of sublime events. It was the representative after-dinner speech; I doubt if there ever of the second struggle of Englishmen upon the Western Continent-of the contest for liberty. In its "Apollo Room," as the main apartment was called, met the patriotic "asociations" of the Revolutionary days-and here were matured those great movements which resulted in the emancipation of America from the thraidom of English rule .--"Committee of Correspondence" which set the ball of the Revolution in motion. Here, when Duumore dissolved them, met the members of the House of Burgesses, to enter into the league against Parliament and the King .--In Jefferson's memoir of himself, we find continually the item, "met in the Raleigh" -and whenever those words occur, they are followed by the fall of some thunderbolt among the enemies of freedom. This old Apollo Room was the rallying point of all the friends of the holy cause. The dissolutions were regularly succeeded by meetings in the famous apartment; as a matter of course, and probably without any concerted plan. It was a thing understood by all --The formal words of the Governor, "and you are accordingly dissolved," seem to have been echoed by the words, "To the Raleigh"-and there all the elements of opposition were combined, arrayed, and apportioned to their proper work.

> We can allude but briefly to those old times o filled with heroic deeds. At another time we may notice the social glories of the old Raleigh-its splendid balls in the great apartment, where the beauty and chivalry of the Old Dominion assembled to dance the minnet, and exchange gay conversation and warm greetings. We can almost see those festive assemblages-and at times we feel as though we had been an eye-witness of the splenders of the past. The old Tavern rises to our vision like a familiar friend with whom we have been associated all our lives, and whose every trait is dear to us. Alas, we never saw it with "the eyes of the flesh."-It was long a treasured design with us to go thither, in the bright days of spring, and study the past, in presence of the revered students of the Medical College of Virginia who memorial of other days. The journey preseated itself in the light of a pious pilgrimage to some holy shrine-but the hope was vain. The building has passed away, and we shall never see it. The birthplace of Washington, William

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VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

The Senate was not in session on Friday The attendance of members in the House

of Delegates was small, many having gone home to spend the holidays. A large number of House Lills were brought up on their first reading; also seve ral Senate bills were read for their first and

second times. Several petitions of no general interest were

presented. Resolutions were adopted, inquiring into the expediency, of prohibiting all non-residents from fishing by net, &c., in the creeks between Chappawamsic Creek and the waters

of Occoquan Bay.

For excluding from the Commonwealth all non-resident incendiary preachers, colporteurs, and other like slave corrupters, by requiring all such to obtain license upon proof good character. For paying out of the treasury all debts

chargeable upon the militia fine fund under the existing law. To incorporate the Old Dominion Man-

ufacturing Company. To defray the expenses of running and re-

marking the boundary line between the States of Virginia and Tennessee.

The House adjourned to the 24 of Jan A large number of Delegates accepted the

hospitable invitation of the city of Norfolk, and, accompanied by Mr. Bisbie, left Rich mond, on Friday morning. CHARLOTTESVILLE ITEMS .- - Owing to the in-

clemency of the weather at December Court. the proposed meeting for the formation of a Southern Rights Association was postponed until January Court day. At the tri-ennial target shooting of the Monticello Guards, on Monday last, the com-

pany was out in full force and presented a

very handsome appearance in their new Zouave Caps and Red Flannel Shirts,-The medal was won by private Alex. II Hoffman. Elder A. B. Walthall, who for the past eight years has been paster of the Disciples' Church in Charlottesville, has resigned his charge and removed to Marion, Alabama -The venerable gentleman took leave of the

Church on Sunday evening last, in a very impressive and appropriate address. The scene was solemn and deeply affecting, and evinced the strong attachment which had grown up between the members and their pastor. He is a highly gifted and excellent gentleman, and while we cordially commend him to the citizens of Marion, we wish him health and much happiness in his new home .- Charlottesville Advante CONFECTIONERY, Ac., FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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